Tender for Bogies by CONCOR

*185. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. CONCOR issued a large tender for supply of Bogie Container Flat Wagon, aided by the World Bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith eligibility criteria;

(c) whether LOI had been issued to M/s. HDC Ltd. by CONCOR on 1st May, 2001, and the contract had been awarded to them on 9th June, 2001, in pursuance of the tender;

(d) if so, the details of other contractors; and

(e) whether HDC Ltd. has also received some advances from the CONCOR and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A risk purchase tender for supply of 1320 wagons was issued in Jan., 2001 at the risk and cost of M/s. Cimmco Birla Ltd.

The Qualification Criteria in the above tender was that the manufacturer should have supplied not less than 1000 Bogie wagons in a period of 12 months in at least one of the 5 preceding years and should have an annual turnover of not less than USS 50 million in one of the preceding 5 years.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The contract for supply of 1320 Bogie Container Flat Wagons has been entered into with Ms. Hindustan Engineering Industries Limited (HEI), the successor of HDC. As per the payment terms of contract, CONCOR has to give advance of 20% of the contract price on submission of claim and Bank Guarantee for equivalent amount, Ms. HEI are still to submit the Bank Guarantee to claim the advance payment.